

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~01074~~ PG: 74B-57

Address: 1807 Mitchellville Road
~~Corner of Mitchellville Road and US 301~~, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Bowie

Owner: Lee, Agatha

Tax Parcel Number: 16

Tax Map Number: 63

Project MD 301

Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___

Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no ___ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The c.1930-1940 store is a simple one-story structure with a front gable. The store also has a wood framed stand for the display of products and is located in front of the store. Its position at the corner of Mitchellville Road and the heavily travelled Crain Highway (US 301), allows the store to have a prominent position along the roadside and an excellent advantage in attracting would-be customers.

Cross-road general stores served as a place where farmers could purchase groceries, feed supplies and hardware. The simple, unadorned buildings often served as the focal point for a small rural community. In the later half of the 20th century, the cross-road stores and stands are synonymous with the idea of the 'farmers market' where the local farmers could display his produce and goods to the passing traffic.

In reponse to the demand by farmers for a better road system to deliver their goods, the States Road Commission began construction of the Robert Crain Highway (later US 301) in 1922. Crain Highway was designed to link southern Maryland's rural areas to northern Maryland's urban areas. When the Nice Memorial Bridge was completed

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

10/26/99
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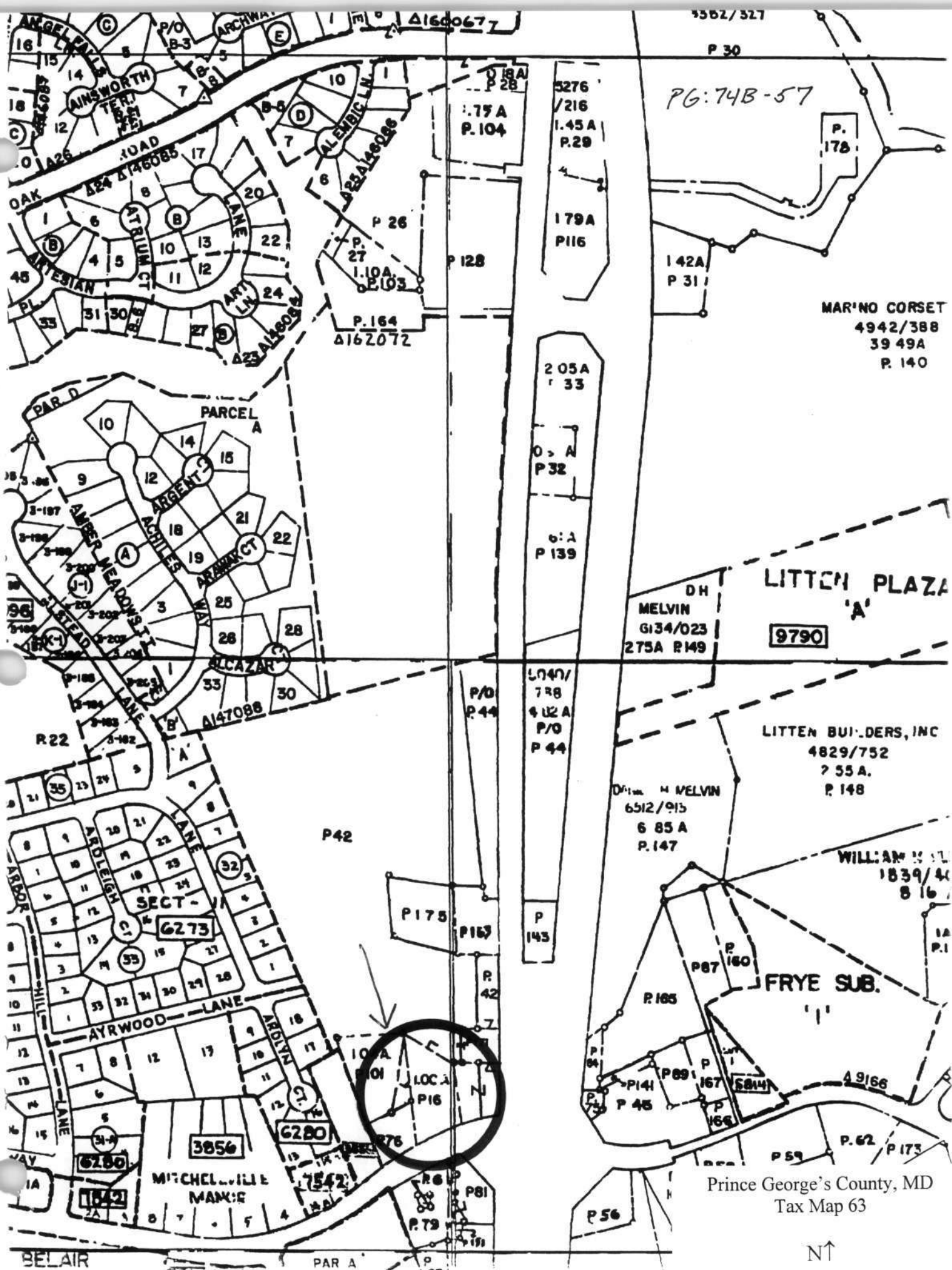
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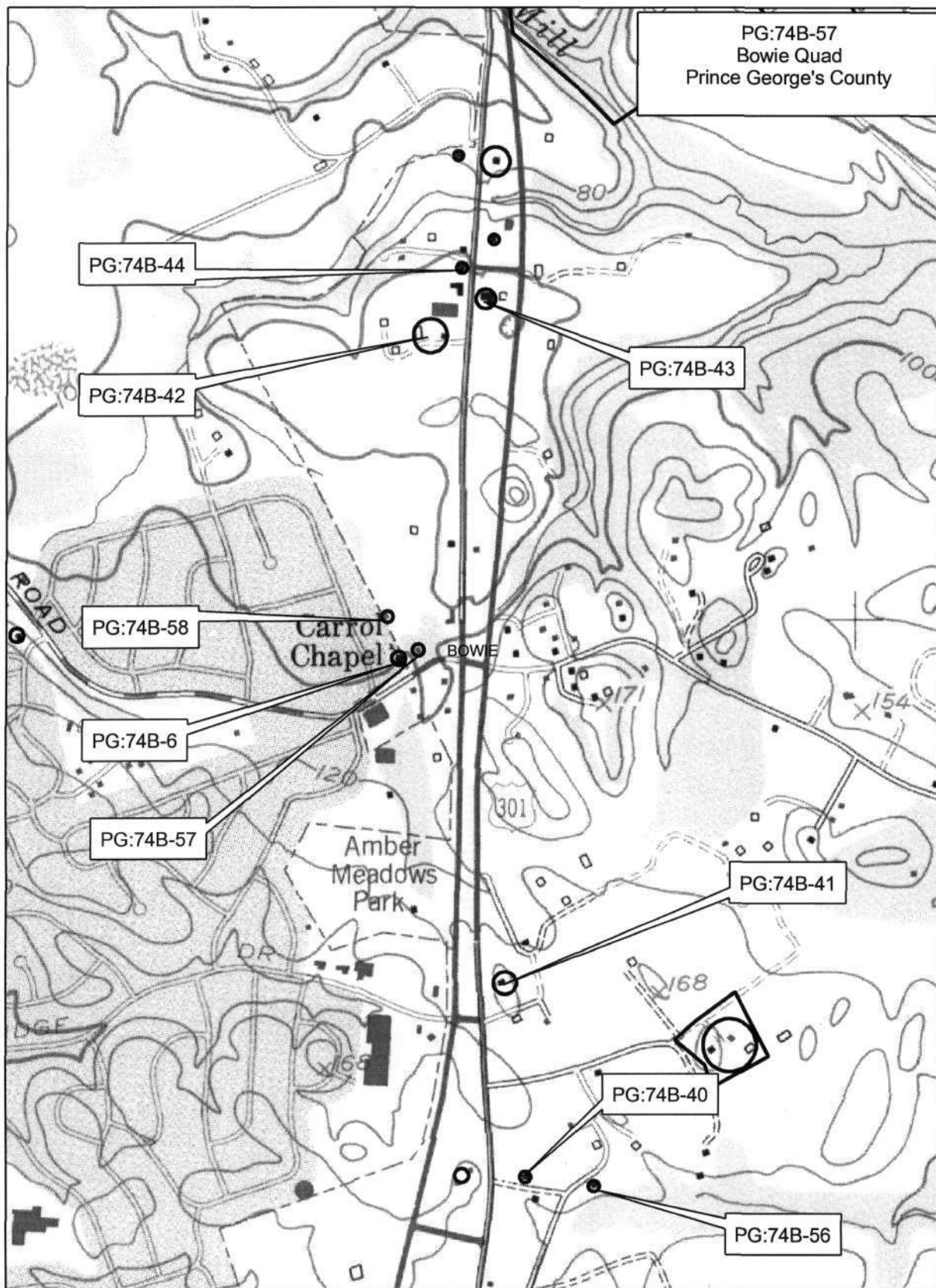
in 1940 and linked the Virginia side of the Potomac to the Maryland side in Charles County, Crain Highway served as a bypass between Florida and New York. Crain Highway was widened in 1950 to handle the increase in traffic.

The c. 1930-1940 store is not eligible for the National Register. Although its type is an intricate part of the rural community setting, it lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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